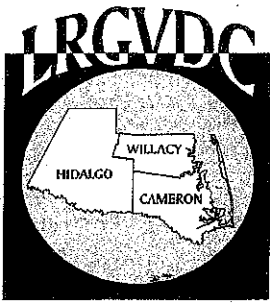


Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Method of Distribution
for
Round 2.2 Disaster Recovery Funding

Wednesday, November 09, 2011



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November 09, 2011

Mr. Gary Smith
Disaster Recovery Program
301 Congress Avenue, Suite 600
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: LRGVDC Method of Distribution (MOD) for Round 2.2

Dear Mr. Smith,

Enclosed please find the final Method of Distribution (MOD) for Round 2.2 Disaster Recovery Funds. Also enclosed is a signed resolution which was approved by the LRGVDC Executive Committee and will be ratified by the LRGVDC Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 17th, 2011.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 956-682-3481.

Thank you,

Kenneth N. Jones
Executive Director

Cc: Heather Lagrone

State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery

Council of Governments Method of Distribution for Round 2.2 Disaster Recovery Supplemental Allocation

Summary Information

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City, State, Zip: **Weslaco, TX 78596**

Allocation Summary

Regional Allocation for All Activities: **\$126,693,234**

Housing Activities Total: **\$122,034,387**

Non-Housing Activities Total: **\$ 4,658,847**

Citizen Participation

Below is a description addressing how the Council of Governments complied with the Citizen Participation Plan regarding citizen and non-governmental organization outreach, and any efforts exceeding GLO minimum public participation requirements:

The LRGVDC hosted a public hearing in each county to invite input from the community in the development of the MOD.

In the public hearing in Willacy County, 21 people attended and one public comment was received. That comment was:

The Honorable John F. Gonzales, Jr., County Judge Willacy County. The judge encouraged the LRGVDC to look at the remaining need still present in the counties and base housing fund distribution on need. He commented on the impact storms have on Willacy County as a coastal county despite its more rural population. LRGVDC Response: LRGVDC will use the needs assessment that is being produced in conjunction with the application to target areas in need for housing repair and replacement. The LRGVDC encourages any community that can demonstrate need to provide empirical information, like surveys, photos, or existing unserved applicants to assist the development of the needs assessment.

A second meeting was held to receive public comment in Weslaco (Hidalgo County) to allow citizen input. A total of

28 people attended the meeting with five choosing to make public comment. The comment summaries were:

Jose Perez –Mr. Perez encouraged the LRGVDC to include funding for senior citizens to help offset costs associated with higher living expenses due to relocations and to provide support non-profits. The comment also sought additional senior housing and a request to “ease up on the barriers” to using the funds. LRGVDC Response: The programming of funds must be tied to damages from the hurricane. To the extent that information can be supplied to be counted in the needs assessment, senior housing will be considered in the application process. This comment is not directly related to the MOD, but it will be considered when preparing the Needs Assessment for the LRGVDC Region.

Apolonio Flores, housing consultant for Valley Housing Authorities and Jose Saenz, McAllen Housing Authority—Mr. Flores and Mr. Saenz both requested that the affordable housing component be reviewed to determine if additional funds could be used to leverage additional units of housing for Public Housing or other affordable units for persons who have been displaced from housing or could no longer afford increased rents. They indicated that the PHA waiting lists demonstrated a need for additional public housing and that the need for this type of housing should be included in the MOD and Needs Assessment. LRGVDC Response: LRGVDC informed the PHA representatives that while waiting lists alone would not demonstrate need related to the storm damage, local knowledge of the loss of affordable housing that could be documented would be considered in the needs assessment/application process. Any damaged or destroyed units will be given priority in the affordable rental set-aside consistent with the Conciliation Agreement. To the extent that the need for additional rental housing can be documented it will be weighed against the need for repair/replacement of single family to determine the highest needs in the region and be part of the public meetings.

Irene Szedlmayer, City of La Feria, raised a concern about the preference for relocating people out of flood plains if that relocation purchased the applicant's home in the flood plain but did not provide sufficient funds to acquire a different home elsewhere, similar to the FEMA Program challenges. LRGVDC Response: This is not related to the MOD directly. It was clarified at the meeting that under the current Housing Guidelines, the value assigned to the home to be obtained, was the value to reconstruct so it was more a Homebuyer Assistance Program rather than a FEMA style buy out and the existing home value was not the driving factor in the relocation ability under the Homeowner Opportunity Program.

Manuel Lara, City of San Benito, and Anthony Covacevich, Anthony Covacevich Consulting, both raised a concern that there was no additional funding in the Round 2.2 MOD for non-housing that would meet some of the drainage issues that remained in the cities that did not get funded in Round 2.1. Raised a concern that while the regional drainage system would help, it would not allow cities to manage their outflows. Mr. Lara encouraged the LRGVDC to seek additional non-housing funding. LRGVDC Response: The 55%-45% split is being met under the round 2 funding. Significant portions of Round 1 and Round 2.1 were provided for non-housing programs, especially drainage issues. We agree that we could fund more projects that would help local communities if more money were available, but given the current limitations, we cannot move additional funds into infrastructure. LRGVDC is committed to making a request for additional funds if any become available.

In the public hearing in Cameron County, 11 people attended and one public comment was received. That comment was:

Mark Mosely spoke and provide Nick Mitchell-Bennett of Community Development Corporation of Brownsville in written comment's delivered at the public meeting, raised concerns about the ability to repair non-public housing with the CDBG funds. The letter comments that at least four public housing developments lost units. The letter also expresses concerns that using non-public proceeds, formerly low income units were then raised to a higher market rate especially in the Port Isabel area. The letter also followed up on their previous comment on the Rapid Rehousing Development Pilot Program. LRGVDC Response: LRGVDC understands the concern raised regarding the need for more affordable housing. In the MOD, as required under the Conciliation Agreement, public housing receives

preference until family and elderly units damaged or destroyed by the storm are repaired and/or replaced. Replacement of privately owned units may be funded with any remaining funds made available. The LRGVDC encourages persons or local organizations in the Valley to provide information that will assist the needs assessment in determining the need for affordable units as compared with other housing needs in the area.

Brenda Heredia, ED Family Crisis Center Incorporated, works with women in crisis from domestic violence or victims of crime. The women's shelter was damaged due to driving rain that was not covered by any of the insurance on the property. During the insurance issue, the building became uninhabitable and had to be destroyed. Received some funding to demolish and rebuild the center. Requested additional funding to cover costs overruns. LRGVDC response: LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will investigate the possibilities although traditionally, reimbursement is not available.

In addition to the public comment received at public hearings, The RGVDC received a comment letter from Community Development Corporation of Brownsville requesting that the \$2,000,000 demonstration program be administered through an RFP. They also discuss that it is important to coordinate with the other designated counties in this program. LRGVDC Response: LRGVDC concurs with this approach and will establish criteria for an RFP to award these funds to a single entity that will be responsible for coordination with the other counties in the demonstration program. The elements will be determined in the application process and coordinated by the program administrator.

A fourth meeting was held to receive public comment on the posted Draft MOD in Weslaco (Hidalgo County) to allow citizen input. A total of 22 people attended the meeting with ten choosing to make public comment. The comment summaries were:

Marlene Chavez with the Equal Voice Network and herself a resident of a colonia encouraged the LRGVDC to abide by the FFAST Form and ensure that non-housing funds were used in the colonias. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority.

Jose Medrano of the Stars Center and the Equal Voice Network requested that all non-housing funds be used for colonia projects. Mr. Medrano also requested that Hidalgo County and Cameron County be required to hold public hearings to receive public input on the projects that would be submitted as part of their application process. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority. Concerning the additional public hearings, the LRGVDC will require as part of this MOD that each County receiving non-housing funds in Round 2.2 must hold a public hearing to receive input on projects to be submitted as part of the application process.

Martha Sanchez with La Union del Pueblo Entero and the Equal Voice Network requested that the \$4.6 Million in non-housing funds be used for colonias as planned. Ms. Sanchez also requested public hearings as part of the distribution process. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority. Concerning the additional public hearings, the LRGVDC will require as part of this MOD that each County receiving non-housing funds in Round 2.2 must hold a public hearing to receive input on projects to be submitted as part of the application process.

Eva Soto with ARISE and the Equal Voice Network voiced her concerns that the non-housing funding be spent in the colonias. Ms. Soto also requested that the LRGVDC publish notices for public hearings in Spanish media outlets and host the public meetings at more convenient times. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority. Concerning the public hearing notices and times, the LRGVDC is working to offer more varied times for public hearings and currently publishes in Spanish newspapers and sends press releases to all Spanish media

outlets.

Manuela Luna a resident of a colonia with Lupe, is concerned that the LRGVDC will not follow through with the requirement that the non-housing funds be spent in the colonias. Mr. Luna expressed a dire need for streets and sewer projects. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority.

Ramona Casas with ARISE requested that the projects considered for the non-housing distribution be open to the public for comment. Ms. Casas additionally requested meeting announcements be published timely and in Spanish. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC will require as part of this MOD that each County receiving non-housing funds in Round 2.2 must hold a public hearing to receive input on projects to be submitted as part of the application process. The LRGVDC currently publishes notices in Spanish and sends press releases to all Spanish media outlets.

Armando Garza with the Equal Voice Housing Coalition requests a public hearing be held for all non-housing projects and that the LRGVDC consider more convenient or varied times for the public hearings. Mr. Garza requests that the majority of the housing funds also be spent in the colonias. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority. Concerning the additional public hearings, the LRGVDC will require as part of this MOD that each County receiving non-housing funds in Round 2.2 must hold a public hearing to receive input on projects to be submitted as part of the application process. The LRGVDC is undergoing a needs assessment process that will direct the LRGVDC to the needs of the region and where the funds should be spent. The LRGVDC encourages persons or local organizations in the Valley to provide information that will assist the needs assessment in determining the need for housing in the colonias.

Michael Seifert with the Equal Voice Network expressed concerns that the colonias have historically been ignored. Wants to work with the State as partners. Mr. Seifert requests that public hearings be held at more convenient times and that notices be published in Spanish media outlets. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority. Concerning the publication of notices for public hearings, the LRGVDC currently publishes notices in Spanish and sends press releases to all Spanish media outlets and will continue to do so.

Monica Skrzypinski with Buckner requests that funds be prioritized for colonia projects. LRGVDC Response: The LRGVDC understands the concerns raised and will follow the FFAST Form in its allocation of funding for non-housing and the requirement that colonia projects be given priority.

Idalia Snell with Amigos del Valle, Inc., voiced concerns over damaged that occurred at several of their multi-family properties due to Hurricane Dolly. Ms. Snell requested a set-aside of multi-family funds for Round 2.2. LRGVDC Response: There is currently an affordable rental program set-aside of \$15,108,600. To the extent that the need for additional rental housing can be documented it will be weighed against the need for repair/replacement of single family to determine the highest needs in the region.

The LRGVDC has planned to supplement the HUD/FEMA/SBA data to more accurately reflect the damage caused by the storm and to help it target the areas that remain underserved but most impacted. In addition to committing to work with housing groups in this process, the LRGVDC appointed and worked closely with persons representing a broad array of civil rights groups, colonias and other housing groups to develop a method of affirmatively furthering fair housing in our FFAST Form process that will assist in development of a targeted plan.

The MOD process contains significant public outreach in a two-step process that allows the LRGVDC to meet the state deadlines and still provide maximum public input given the disadvantage the FEMA data has presented to our region. LRGVDC provided translation services for non-English speaking citizens at the Public Meetings. LRGVDC issued Public Service Announcements to all local media to seek public input for the MOD.

First Public Hearing InformationDate/Time: **10/17/11 1:00 p.m.**Location: **City of Raymondville Rural Technology Building, Raymondville, Texas**Attendance: **21**

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** days in advance of the public hearing using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

	Method	Date Sent	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail	10/12/11	See the attached list of individuals receiving notification in this manner, copy of the email, as well as the copy of the email sent to gsmith@hntb.com .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		See the attached list of individuals receiving notification in this manner, copy of the letter sent by fax, and the fax transmission receipts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		See the attached list of individuals receiving notification in this manner, copy of the letter given by hand-delivery, and a signature sheet signed by a representative of the entity that the notice was received.
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Internet Notice. As required, public notice was distributed on the Internet at least **five** days in advance using all of the following methods:

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Published Notice. As required, notice of the public hearing was published in at least one regional newspaper at least **three** days in advance. Notice of public hearing was published in the following regional newspaper(s):

	Newspaper Name	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Monitor	10/13/11	See attached copy of the hearing notice and a publisher's affidavit.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valley Morning Star	10/13/11	See attached copy of the hearing notice and a publisher's affidavit.
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Citizen Comment Documentation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The required copy of a sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments and meeting discussion is included in the section above for Citizen Participation.		
Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting information and providing interpretive services for other languages.		Translation services were available at all three public hearings. Public Service Announcements were submitted to all local media (Spanish & English). Notice was also posted in one local newspaper in each of the three counties in the LRGVDC Region.	

Second Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: **10/18/11 9:00 a.m.**

Location: **Weslaco City Hall, Weslaco, Texas**

Attendance: **28**

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** days in advance of the public hearing using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

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Third Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: **10/18/11 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Cameron County Courthouse, Exhibit Room, 1st Floor,
Brownsville, Texas**

Attendance: **11**

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** days in advance of the public hearing using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

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Fourth Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: **11/03/11 9:00 a.m.**

Location: **Weslaco City Hall, Weslaco, Texas**

Attendance: **22**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regular Mail	10/12/11	See the attached list of individuals receiving notification in this manner, copy of the letter, and copies of each of the signed delivery receipts

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Long-Term Planning and Recovery

Below is an explanation of how the region's method of distribution fosters long-term community recovery that is forward-looking and focused on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing and the local economy.

The region has used the CDBG Disaster Recovery funds to provide long term flood/drainage protection and to restore communities that will continue to create stable secure environments for individuals and families. The non-housing funds used in Round 2.1 provided security to a region that is generally arid but must prepare for significant water events that causes flooding and threatens homes. By working with the entire region for flood control and drainage, homes and businesses in many communities, receive long term protection. The long term flood control/drainage program is matched with home elevations, relocation from flood prone areas, and repairs that make homes safer and less prone to damage due to floods.

Non-Housing Method of Distribution Detail

The Council of Governments is required to prepare a method of distribution for non-housing activity funds between the eligible entities. The GLO has directed the COG to use a direct allocation technique based on objective, verifiable data. The Method of Distribution clearly identifies appropriate national objectives for each activity type, the entities eligible to serve as grantees and contract with the GLO, supports minimum allocation amounts that help ensure project feasibility, and provides an explanation of the distribution factors selected.

All Round 2 Non-Housing funds were allocated within the MOD for Round 2.1. Because only 33% could be expended in Round 2.1, Hidalgo County was unable to commit \$4,500,000 of their Round 2 allocation. In addition, one Round 2.1 Cameron County project had a savings of \$158,847 and those funds are reserved for Cameron County under the Round 2.1 MOD. No additional Round 2.2 Non-Housing funds are available at this time. If any additional Non-Housing funds become available from Round 2.1, they will be allocated to the entities as originally allocated in Round 2.1 for new projects that meet FFAST Form criteria in Round 2.2.

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$75,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at least one eligible project.

Project Specific Distributions

Recognizing that the regional impact of the storms may lead to the identification of regional projects affecting multiple entities, the GLO has allowed the Council of Governments to make direct allocations to specific regional projects under limited circumstances. These projects must be of significant scope beyond what may be achieved regionally through the distribution formula. There must be **documented** regional agreement of the need and willingness to accept lesser local formulaic allocations in order to address regional need. Examples include regionalized drainage programs benefiting multiple jurisdictions. The Council of Governments has identified the following project(s) for a Project Specific Distribution:

Project Name	Detailed Description, including National Objective and Storm Relationship	Assigned Grantee	Estimated Beneficiaries	Cost Estimate*
N/A			Total: LMI:	

* Cost estimate attached and prepared by a relevant professional

Eligible Activities

Grantee activities must be specifically related to Hurricane Ike and/or Dolly, and must meet the following criteria:

- Activity must be a CDBG-eligible project;
- Activity must be in response to a Hurricane Ike and/or Dolly related impact in one of the following ways:
 - Direct verifiable damage from the storm that requires improvement of conditions, or
 - The facilities must have failed to function in the normal capacity as a result of the storm.
- The COG has added a stipulation that projects must meet a regionally-established recovery priority.

The Council of Governments has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Council of Governments has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.	
-OR-		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Council of Governments has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Public Utilities (gas, et al)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance & Demolition Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flood and Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Specially Authorized Assistance to Private Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debris Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Centers & Emergency Shelters (Existing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Urban Environmental Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks, Playgrounds and other Recreational Facilities	

The LRGVDC will review the unserved infrastructure needs of colonias within our jurisdiction during the MOD process for Hurricane Ike/Dolly Round 2.2. Any funds unspent or unused in Round 2.1 for infrastructure, will be dedicated to colonia infrastructure projects. For all remaining infrastructure funds in Round 2.2, colonia projects will be given priority.

In addition to the priorities selected above, the following activity types are considered priorities due to their relationship in delivering all other activities:

- Acquisition, including buyouts
- Relocation Payments and Assistance
- Engineering and Architectural Services
- Planning and Project Delivery

HUD has further particularly identified fueling stations, points of distribution (PODs), precinct barns, and emergency operation centers (EOC) as general conduct of government activities that will remain ineligible for supplemental CDBG funding. Additional examples of common ineligible activities include:

- Purchase of construction equipment
- Operation and maintenance expenses
- Duplicate projects
- Projects that do not comply with local, district, state and/or federal regulations

Parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities are eligible activity types, but may not use the Urgent Need National Objective. The construction of new shelters (shelters that were not in existence before the storm) is not an eligible activity for Round 2.2.

Reallocation

Housing Method of Distribution Detail

The Council of Governments is required to prepare a method of distribution for housing activity funds between the eligible entities. The GLO has directed the COG to use a direct allocation technique based on objective, verifiable data, including Needs Assessment data provided by the GLO. The Method of Distribution clearly identifies the entities eligible to serve as grantees and contract with GLO, supports minimum allocation amounts that help ensure project feasibility, and provides an explanation of the distribution factors selected.

Distribution Factors

The Council of Government has selected the following distribution factors:

Distribution Factor	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Regional Needs Assessment in coordination with the Round 2 Housing Guidelines	100%	LRGVDC Needs Assessment	The purpose of the Needs Assessment is to assess the original storm damaged areas within the geographic boundaries of the LRGVDC that remain in need of housing and infrastructure projects to repair the damage caused from Hurricane Dolly. The intent of the Needs Assessment is to provide the LRGVDC with information not previously reported which will provide the LRGVDC with the tools, methods, and options necessary for administering CDBG disaster funding for housing and infrastructure projects to those persons and areas most in need.

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$500,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at least one feasible housing program.

Eligible Activities

Grantee activities must be specifically related to Hurricane Ike and/or Dolly, and must meet the following criteria:

- Activity must be a CDBG-eligible project;
- Activity must comply with the Round 2.2 Housing Guidelines;
- Activity must be in response to a Hurricane Ike and/or Dolly related impact in one of the following ways:
 - Direct verifiable damage from the storm that requires improvement of conditions, or
 - The housing replaces units lost or damaged by the storm.

The Council of Government has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Council of Governments has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.	
-OR-		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Council of Governments has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family repair and rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family repair and rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family replacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family elevation of homes in flood plains	<input type="checkbox"/> New Multi-family to replace multi-family stock
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single family relocation from flood plains or identified environmental hazards	

Approval and Signatory Authority

A Resolution of the Council of Governments is attached approving the method of distribution and authorizing its submittal to the Texas General Land Office. I certify that the contents of this document and all related attachments are complete and accurate.

Signature

November 09, 2011

Date

Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.

Printed Name

Executive Director

Title

kjones@lrgvdc.org

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956-682-3481

Telephone Number

Resolution

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) approving the Method of Distribution (MOD) for Round 2, Phase 2 (Round 2.2) of Disaster Recovery Supplemental Allocation and submittal to the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

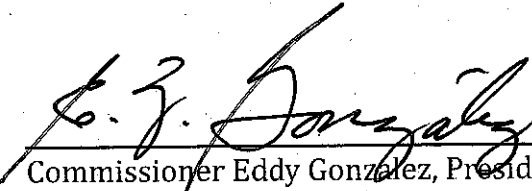
WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is responsible for establishing and developing the Method of Distribution for Round 2.2 funds available for the region, including both housing and non-housing activities specifically related to Hurricane Ike and /or Dolly;

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC is responsible for addressing and complying with a Citizen Participation Plan regarding citizen and non-governmental outreach; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Director's are providing a Method of Distribution (MOD) addressing regional projects affecting housing and non-housing activities in the region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) has approved and is submitting the LRGVDC MOD to the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

Adopted by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council on this 7th day of November, 2011.


Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez, President

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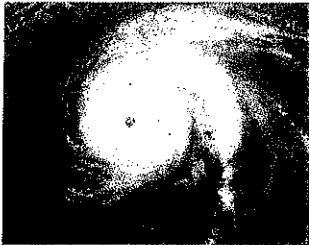
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Disaster Recovery Funding



Effective July 01, 2011, the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program has transferred to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA). The program is still in its transition stages, so we are still awaiting guidance on when to begin the Phase II Method of Distribution (MOD) and Status on Round 2 Phase I, Non-Housing Drainage Projects.

In 2008, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) was given the responsibility of developing the Region's Method of Distribution (MOD) for Disaster Recovery Round One Funding (\$55,000,000.). For second allocation (Round Two), the maximum amount of funds that was to be allocated through this partial MOD (Phase 1 Partial MOD) was capped at 33 percent of the total Round 2 allocation not to exceed \$185,515,915. The resulting amounts available for this partial MOD are shown below:

Total Allocation	Amount Eligible for Award Under Partial MOD Phase I	Remainder for Consideration in Full MOD subject to new A.I. Phase II
\$185,515,915	\$61,220,252 (33%)	\$124,295,663

Round 2.2 Funding ^{NEW}

- FFAST Form Workgroup
- LRGVDC FFAST Form

Round 2.1 Funding

- Revised Phase 1/Partial MOD for Round 2 Disaster Funding
- Map of Proposed Regional Drainage Projects
- February 25, 2011 TDRA Disaster Recovery Program Transition Letter
- March 01, 2011 TDRA Disaster Recovery New Program Information for Grantees and Services Providers

Round 1 Funding

- Grant Awards and Reports
- Texas Action Plan as approved by HUD (March 04, 2009)
- LRGVDC Action Plan (March 30, 2009 - 1st Round)
- Appendix B Worksheet
- Distribution Graphic Representation Chart
- MOD Approval Letter
- MOD Detail Worksheet

Housing Disaster Recovery Funding

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program allocated \$106,925,787.00 to LRGVDC for Round 2 Hurricane Dolly disaster recovery expenses related to housing. In 2010, LRGVDC submitted an application to the Texas Department of Housing and

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Round 2.2 Disaster Recovery Funding

^{NEW} Notice of Public Hearings

^{NEW} Aviso de Reunión Pública

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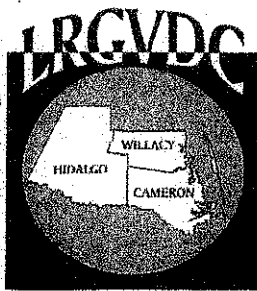
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Community Affairs (TDHCA), for \$2,238,725.00 to administer Phase I of the Housing Program. TDHCA's review of LRGVDC's application concluded that Phase I funds would allow funding only for Needs Assessment, Phase II Method of Distribution (MOD) and administration, cutting the budget to \$384,920.00.

LRGVDC is waiting for final approval from the State and HUD on the Analysis of Impediments (AI) and the Phase I MOD to proceed with addressing all needs of the region related to Hurricane Dolly.

- LRGVDC Application
- TDHCA Letter
- Revised Project Budget
- Housing Program Guidelines
- Analysis of Impediment (AI)

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The Draft Method of Distribution will be posted on **Wednesday, October 19, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. on the Internet website **lrgvdc.org** and will be available at **LRGVDC Office** located at **301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, Texas, 78596**. Additional written comments must be received by the **LRGVDC** by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 21, 2011** Attn: **Kenneth N. Jones, Executive Director, 301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, Texas, 78596**.

LRGVDC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending **LRGVDC** functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by **LRGVDC** staff 24-hours prior to the function. The public hearing will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 48 hours prior to a function, please call **(956) 682-3481** for assistance.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Ronda 2.2 de Financiamiento para Recuperación de Desastres

AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA
Solicitud de Comentarios Públicos

Se avisa por este medio que el **Consejo de Desarrollo del Bajo Valle del Rio Grande (LRGVDC)** (por sus siglas en inglés) está solicitando la aportación de comentarios sobre el Metodo de Distribucion (MOD) de \$126,693,234 dolares en Fondos de Desarrollo Comunitario Block Grant de recuperacion suplementario de Desastres. Esta cantidad incluye \$4,658,847 dolares para los no-vivienda y \$122,034,387 dolares para asistencia de vivienda.

LRGVDC ha establecido un proceso de dos partes sobre el Método de Distribución (MOD) y Solicitud de Aplicación. Inicialmente, el LRGVDC llevara a cabo audiencias públicas sobre el proceso de MOD para recibir comentarios públicos sobre el uso y distribución de estos fondos. Por último las reuniones públicas serán programadas para recibir información sobre la evaluación de las necesidades y la aplicación que se presentara a la Oficina de Tierras Públicas (GLO) (por sus siglas en ingles). Comentarios por escrito y orales en relación con el Método de Distribución se recibirán en las audiencias públicas programadas como sigue:

Lunes, 17 de octubre 2011
Tecnología de la Construcción Rural
700 FM 3168
Raymondville, TX 78580
1:00-3:00 p.m

Martes, 18 de octubre 2011
Centro de Transporte del LRGVDC
510 S. Pleasantview Dr.
Weslaco, TX 78596
9:00 a.m.-12:00 mediodía

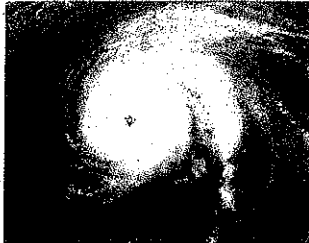
Martes, 18 de octubre 2011
Corte del Condado de Cameron
Edificio Dancy
Sala de Exposición en el Primer Piso
1100 E. Monroe St.
Brownsville TX 78520
5:30-7:00 p.m

Audiencia pública sobre el MOD Completo
Jueves, 03 de Noviembre 2011
Weslaco City Hall
255 S. Kansas
Weslaco, TX 78596
9:00 a.m.-12:00 mediodía

El Método de Distribución será publicado el Miércoles, 19 de octubre 2011 a las 5:00 pm en la página de internet (lrgvdc.org) y estará disponible en la Oficina del LRGVDC ubicado en 301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, Texas, 78596. Comentarios por escrito deberán ser recibidos por el LRGVDC a mas tardar las 5:00 pm el Viernes, 21 de Octubre 2011 Attn: Kenneth N. Jones, Executive Director, 301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, Texas, 78596.

El **LRGVDC** proveerá razonablemente instalaciones especiales para personas que asistan a eventos del **LRGVDC**. Las solicitudes de personas que necesiten instalaciones especiales deberán ser recibidas por el personal del **LRGVDC** 24 horas antes del evento. La audiencia pública sera conducida en inglés y la solicitud de un intérprete u otras instalaciones especiales deberá hacerse por lo menos 48 horas antes del evento, favor de llamar al **(956) 682-3481** para obtener ayuda.

Disaster Recovery Funding



Effective July 01, 2011, the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program has transferred to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA). The program is still in its transition stages, so we are still awaiting guidance on when to begin the Phase II Method of Distribution (MOD) and Status on Round 2 Phase I, Non-Housing Drainage Projects.

In 2008, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) was given the responsibility of developing the Region's Method of Distribution (MOD) for Disaster Recovery Round One Funding (\$55,000,000.). For second allocation (Round Two), the maximum amount of funds that was to be allocated through this partial MOD (Phase I Partial MOD) was capped at 33 percent of the total Round 2 allocation not to exceed \$185,515,915. The resulting amounts available for this partial MOD are shown below:

Total Allocation	Amount Eligible for Award Under Partial MOD Phase I	Remainder for Consideration in Full MOD subject to new A.I. Phase II
\$185,515,915	\$61,220,252 (33%)	\$124,295,663

Round 2.2 Funding ^{NEW}

DRAFT Method of Distribution (MOD)

- 2.2 Draft MOD
- Appendices to MOD (1)
- Appendices to MOD (2)
- FFAST Form Workgroup
- LRGVDC FFAST Form
- LRGVDC FFAST Form - Español

Round 2.1 Funding

- Revised Phase 1/Partial MOD for Round 2 Disaster Funding
- Map of Proposed Regional Drainage Projects
- February 25, 2011 TDRA Disaster Recovery Program Transition Letter
- March 01, 2011 TDRA Disaster Recovery New Program Information for Grantees and Services Providers

Round 1 Funding

- Grant Awards and Reports
- Texas Action Plan as approved by HUD (March 04, 2009)
- LRGVDC Action Plan (March 30, 2009 - 1st Round)
- Appendix B Worksheet
- Distribution Graphic Representation Chart
- MOD Approval Letter
- MOD Detail Worksheet

ROUND 2.2 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing on Completed MOD

Thursday, November 3 @ 9:00 am

Weslaco City Hall

255 S Kansas

Weslaco, TX 78596 (Map)

Notice of Public Hearings >>

Aviso de Reunión Pública >>

Initial Public Hearing on Needs Assessment

Tuesday, November 8 @ 9:00 am

LRGVDC Transportation Center

510 S Pleasantview Dr

Weslaco, TX 78596 (Map)

Notice of Public Hearings >>

Final Public Hearing on Needs Assessment

Tuesday, December 6 @ 9:00 am

LRGVDC Transportation Center

510 S Pleasantview Dr

Weslaco, TX 78596 (Map)

Notice of Public Hearings >>

IMPORTANT LINKS

Texas General Land Office

- Disaster Recovery Funding

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Housing Disaster Recovery Funding

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program allocated \$106,925,787.00 to LRGVDC for Round 2 Hurricane Dolly disaster recovery expenses related to housing. In 2010, LRGVDC submitted an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for \$2,238,725.00 to administer Phase I of the Housing Program. TDHCA's review of LRGVDC's application concluded that Phase I funds would allow funding only for Needs Assessment, Phase II Method of Distribution (MOD) and administration, cutting the budget to \$384,920.00.

LRGVDC is waiting for final approval from the State and HUD on the Analysis of Impediments (AI) and the Phase I MOD to proceed with addressing all needs of the region related to Hurricane Dolly.

- LRGVDC Application
- TDHCA Letter
- Revised Project Budget
- Housing Program Guidelines
- Analysis of Impediment (AI)

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